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DECLARATION

As below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to our names, that we believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, design, or discovery entitled IMPROVED HEAT SEAL STRENGTH IN POLYOLEFIN FILMS, the specification of which was filed with the Patent and Trademark Office on October 17, 1997, under Express Mail Certificate No. EM 324272868US, and assigned Application Serial No. 08/953,523.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified patent application, including the claims, as amended by any amendments referred to above; that we do not know and do not believe that said invention, design or discovery was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention or discovery thereof for more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that said invention, design or discovery has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued prior to the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns; and that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to patentability in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56(a).

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